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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

Shipment 1

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USDA FOODS UPDATE

The USDA Foods shipping schedule for the 2010-11 school year is now on the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gm1_5.

Your updated USDA Foods order can also be found at the above Web site by clicking on *USDA Foods Ordering Program*. You will need your User Name and Password to view your order.

If you have questions on your order contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415.

BEST WHEN FRESH REMINDER

It is best to serve foods at their freshest. If you stored food through the summer be sure to use it during the first few months of school.

The USDA *Best If Used by Guidance Inventory Control in Schools* fact sheet is available on the OPI Food Distribution Web

site, listed earlier, under Commodity Information.

Remember: The OPI Food Distribution office must be contacted prior to the destruction of any USDA Foods.

USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY



Be sure to review the USDA Foods Delivery policy available at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#1_5.

It is important to receive only the USDA Foods that are on your bill of lading. **Do not** accept anything additional - even if the driver says it is O.K. Contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415 with any discrepancies before accepting or refusing them.

DoD FRESH PROGRAM

School Nutrition Programs has increased the DoD Fresh entitlement to \$450,000 for the 2010-11 school year.



Orders will be placed using the DoD FFAVORS Program. The FFAVORS Web Budget User Manual along with a DoD FFAVORS Web Training is available on the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site.

Remember that you will receive two dollar amounts, the first to be spent by September 30, 2010 and the second by June 30, 2011.

If you have questions regarding the DoD Fresh program, FFAVORS or your entitlement, contact Kennie at (406) 444-4412.

SHIPPING COSTS

The USDA Foods shipping and handling costs for the 2010-11 school year will be \$2.88 shipping and \$1.00 handling for a total of \$3.88 per case.



Shipping costs for public schools are paid with state matching funds. Private schools and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI) are responsible for the shipping, handling and processing costs of any USDA Foods purchased and will receive an invoice for the 2010-11 school year in May from the OPI Food Distribution Office.

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE SNACK PROGRAM

The deadline for submitting the OPI School Nutrition Programs Online Renewal Application is September 30, 2010.



Schools that have been approved for the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Snack Program are encouraged to submit their applications and site information sheets as soon as possible.

After your application is approved, you will be able to go back to the site information sheets and see the approved dollar amount for your individual schools.

If you have any questions, please call (406) 444-2521 or (406) 444-2501.

MONTANA'S HEALTHY RECIPE ROUNDUP



Montana Team Nutrition is sponsoring the Montana's Healthy School Recipe Roundup Competition. The contest offers an opportunity for all Montana School Food Service Directors/Managers to show off their most colorful, tasty, eye-appealing, kid-friendly recipe that features USDA Food(s) and/or locally grown foods, when available.

Every school submitting an entry will receive a chance to win a \$200 cash prize. Recipes will be collected from June 2010 through March 4, 2011.

For additional information and to submit your recipes go to the following Web site - http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/HealthyMT.html#gpm1_4.

If you have questions contact Katie Bark, by phone at (406) 994-5641, or by e-mail at kbark@mt.gov or Molly Stenberg, by phone

at (406) 994-7217, or by e-mail at stenbergf@montana.edu.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE BID WINNER

Food Services of America is the fall bid winner. They will begin deliveries in August.



PLANNED ASSISTANCE LEVEL SY2011

The USDA has announced that the per-meal rate for 2011 school year will be .2025 cents. This is an increase of 0.75 cents from school year 2010.

The per-meal value is used to calculate the Planned Assistance Level (PAL) which represents the dollar value of USDA Foods your school is eligible to receive during the school year.

PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2010 school year times the per-meal value of USDA Food assistance for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Section 6(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) requires that the value of USDA Foods (commodity) assistance for schools is not less than 12 percent of all federal assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the NSLA each school year.

During the 2010 school year, that requirement was not met so an additional .025 cents has been added to the 2011 per meal value for a total of .2275 cents.

If you have questions, please contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415.

ADDITIONAL USDA FOODS

Additional USDA Foods available for Shipment 2 include Cheese Cheddar Shrd Y and Mozzarella Lite. Also, there were 27 cases of Chix Breaded 7PC left over from last year. This is the item that has been discontinued by the USDA. If you would like any of these items, e-mail your request to juwilson@mt.gov, or fax to (406) 444-2955 by **August 30, 2010**, to receive them on Shipment 2.

FRUITY WALNUT SALAD

16 lbs. 3 oz. (50 medium) Granny Smith apples, cored, skin on, cubed
16 lbs. 3 oz. (50 medium) Red Delicious apples, cored, skin on, cubed
133 oz. (16½ cups) pineapple chunks, canned in juice, drained
2 lbs. 10 oz. (8 cups) raisins
2 lbs. 2 oz. (8½ cups) walnuts (USDA Bonus)
133 oz. (16½ cups) low-fat vanilla yogurt

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix until the fruit and walnuts are covered in yogurt. Chill at least 2 hours before serving.

Yield: 100 servings (½ cup each). Recipe Courtesy of California Walnut Board

Nutrition Information: Calories 240, Total Fat 6g, Saturated Fat 0.5g, Monounsaturated Fat 1g, Polyunsaturated Fat 4g, Trans Fat 0g, Cholesterol 1 mg, Sodium 34 mg, Total Carbohydrate 48g, Dietary Fiber 6 g, Protein 4.5g